

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 - 23 (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) An accounting system, comprising:

a plurality of client modules;

an administration module for administering said plurality of client modules; and

at least one adviser module associated with ~~one or more~~
at least one of said plurality of client modules,

the administration module being adapted for installation on an administration computer server and each client module being configured by the administration module to operate according to configuration information and generated for installation on a client computer unit(s) remote from the administrator computer server,

the administration module, the plurality of client modules and the at least one adviser module being arranged for communication over a communications network,

the administration module having

i) requesting means arranged to receive from at least one of the at least one adviser module ~~and/or~~ and a user, accounts configuration information for configuring a requested client module and, where nominated, to associate an adviser module with the requested client module,

ii) scripting means arranged for the user ~~[[or]]~~ and adviser module to script ~~[[or]]~~ and edit an account description for association with a nominated account ~~and/or~~ and a description for association with an accounts item within said nominated account,

iii) information obtaining means arranged to present on the requesting adviser module ~~and/or~~ and a ~~[[the]]~~ requesting client computer unit prompt messages relevant to an entity type category and a business type category nominated by at least one of the requesting adviser module ~~[[or]]~~ and the user and to extract information provided to the prompt messages for inclusion into the configuration information,

iv) a master chart of accounts from which ~~one or more~~ client accounts with matching entity type category and business type category contained in the configuration information are extracted, and

v) accounts generating means for generating the requested client module configured with ~~one or more~~ at least one client chart ~~charts~~ of accounts in accordance with the extracted accounts;

each one of the plurality of client modules having transaction entry means for entering transaction records, pre-assigned transaction category codes being stored on a storage medium, means for selecting a pre-assigned category code to associate with a transaction record to be entered through the transaction entry means, and ~~one or more~~ at least one client ~~charts~~ chart of accounts for selection of an account to which the transaction record is to be associated,

the accounts being predetermined by the information provided to the prompt messages in consideration of at least one of tax liability options for transactions ~~[[or]]~~ and in accordance with accounts of the entity type category and the business type category prenominated in the configuration information,

each of said accounts including a pre-allocated unique account identification and an account description which is prescribed by at least one of the adviser module, ~~[[or]]~~ the user, and ~~[[or]]~~ generally adopted by traders with matching entity type category and business type category, and each of said category codes being pre-specified in the configuration information as one of a taxed ~~[[or]]~~ and non-taxed category, and as one of an expenditure ~~[[or]]~~ and income transaction type,

the administration module having a suppliers database containing client modules nominated as suppliers of certain product types and arranged for any client module to access the

suppliers database for selecting a supplier of a product type and being arranged to present, upon selection of a supplier client module, a list of products of the selected supplier client module, and a coordination unit arranged for coordinating transaction activities between a purchasing client module and a supplier client module,

each client module being allocated with a unique client reference and each product of a supplier client module having a product reference associated with the client reference of the supplier client module, and each client module being adapted to access the suppliers database at the administration module and select ~~one or more products~~ at least one product of a selected supplier client module and to transfer a purchase order for the selected product(s) through the coordination unit to the selected supplier client module, the purchase order including the client reference of the purchasing client module, the client reference of the supplier client module and the product reference(s) of the selected product(s), the supplier client module being adapted to extract the client and product references in the purchase order for incorporation into a sales order.

25. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein said business type category including trading activities involving the provision of goods ~~and/or~~ and services relating to any class of business.

26. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein each client module having means for obtaining information relevant to tax liabilities of the transaction records, said information obtaining means having ~~one or more prompts~~ at least one prompt associated with each of a plurality transaction category codes that have tax liabilities, and being arranged to present the associated ~~one or more prompts~~ at least one prompt for entering information relevant to tax liabilities when one of said category code is nominated for a transaction to be entered, and to extract the entered information for allocating tax liabilities of the transaction.

27. (currently amended) The system according to claim 26, wherein said ~~one or more prompts are~~ at least one prompt is in the form of ~~one or more~~ at least one leading question ~~questions~~ for prompting the client to enter said relevant tax liability information in a designated location(s), and the client module being arranged to extract the entered information at said designated location(s) and apply a tax liability determination procedure which is specific for ~~the or each~~ extracted information from said designated location(s).

28. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein the client module having report generating means

arranged to access the entered transaction records for generating accounting reports.

29. (currently amended) The system according to claim 28, wherein the report generating means including a report selection arrangement for selecting any one of a number of accounting reports for generation.

30. (currently amended) The system according to claim 28, wherein at least one of said taxed category codes is pre-allocated to taxation segments for a taxation report, being one of the accounting reports.

31. (currently amended) The system according to claim 30, wherein said taxation report is a Business Activity Statement (BAS) that complies with the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

32. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein where a taxed category code having a variable taxation allocation is entered, a window with appropriate prompts for specifying amounts to be allocated is presented for entering the amounts.

33. (currently amended) The system according to claim 32, wherein the category code is associated with a wage account in said client chart of accounts.

34. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, further having storage means for storing the transaction records and is arranged for accessing bank statement records over the communications network.

35. (currently amended) The system according to claim 34, wherein the client module having reconciliation means for reconciling said stored transaction records with the bank statement records.

36. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one adviser module having report generating means being arranged to access transaction records transferred from an associated client module for generating accounting reports and management reports.

37. (currently amended) The system according to claim 36, wherein the report generating means including a report selection arrangement for selecting any one of a number of accounting and management reports for generation.

38. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein the client chart of accounts is locked so that the account identifications and the account descriptions therein cannot be altered by the user.

39. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein the administration module having a transaction code generating means for generating the transaction codes as specified by the adviser.

40. (cancelled)

41. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, [[1]] wherein the coordination unit is arranged to use the client references to transfer a subsequently received invoice for the sales order from the supplier client module to the purchasing client module.

42. (currently amended) The system according to claim 41, wherein record of payment of the invoice is transfer through the administration module so that the coordination unit communicates to the supplier client module a record that the invoice has been settled.

43. (currently amended) The system according to claim 42, wherein storage means being arranged to store transaction information between suppliers and purchasers, and the coordination unit being arranged to automate purchase orders when stocks for transactions are below predetermined levels.

44. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, [[1]] wherein each said plurality of client modules is associated with said at least one adviser module so that the transaction records stored in the client module of the associated client(s) can be accessed remotely.

45. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein the client module is one of a cash book module, [[or]] an accrual module, [[or]] a combined cash book and accrual module, [[or]] a payroll module, [[or]] a point of sale module, [[or]] and any combination of two or more of said modules.